

#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application No.: 10/540,323	)	Examiner: Suzette Jaime J Gherbi
Filing Date: June 21, 2005	)	Confirmation No.: 1293
Title: BIODEGRADEABLE BIOCOMPATIBLE IMPLANT	) )	

#### AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.  $\bowtie$ A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed. Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \( \subseteq \\$ 70 \subseteq \\$ 140 fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are enclosed. Also enclosed is/are: \_\_\_\_\_ Small entity status is hereby claimed. Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$\Boxed\$\$ \$ 405 \$\Boxed\$\$ \$ 810 fee due under 37 C.F.R. \sqrt{1.17(e)}. Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above. П Applicant(s) previously submitted \_ \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_ for which continued examination is requested. Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least , which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed. A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) П (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

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